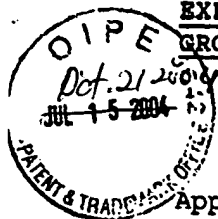


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 12, 2004 FINAL
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This Amendment is submitted in response to a February 12, 2004 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 12, 2004 Final Office Action was originally due May 12, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is \$210.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a two-month extension of time, a response to the February 12, 2004 Final Office Action is now due July 12, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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